

agent in an outer skin layer and a migratory amide in the core layer for any purpose, let alone for the purposes of reducing the COF of the skin layer against metal machine surfaces, such as metal surfaces in labeling machines, and of providing desired adhesion properties to adhesives employed in labels. Stating this another way, applicant is not aware of any prior art films in which the types and amounts of an antistatic additive in the outer skin and a migratory amide in the core are employed for any purpose, let alone to achieve the desired COF and adhesion properties desired for adhesive label applications, as in the present invention.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite Claim 1 in the following manner:

1. (Amended) A biaxially oriented multilayer film usable to form adhesive labels to be attached to containers, such as bottles and cans, said film including a core layer comprising polypropylene and a migratory slip agent in the form of a migratory amide and an outer slip layer on one side of the core layer, said slip layer including primarily polypropylene, by weight, and a minor percent, by weight, of an antistatic agent, said antistatic agent and said amide being present in amounts to provide a COF on the surface of the slip layer of no greater than 0.45 and to provide an adhesion of the adhesive employed on the formed label for the slip layer of at least 50%.

Cancel Claim 2.

Please rewrite Claim 3 in the following manner:

3. (Amended) The biaxially oriented multilayer film of claim 1, wherein the amide is behenamide.

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Please rewrite Claim 4 in the following manner:

4. (Amended) The biaxially oriented multilayer film of claim 1, wherein said migratory amide is present in a percentage, by weight, of at least 0.10%, based upon the weight of the core layer.

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Please rewrite Claim 8 in the following manner:

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8. (Amended) The biaxially oriented multilayer film of claim 1, wherein the antistatic agent includes an ethoxylated alkyamine and/or an ethoxylated alkyamide.

Please rewrite Claim 28 in the following manner:

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28. (Amended) A biaxially oriented multilayer label to be attached to containers, such as bottles and cans, said label including a core layer comprising polypropylene and a migratory slip agent in the form of a migratory amide, an outer slip layer on one side of the core layer, said slip layer including primarily polypropylene, by weight, and a minor percent, by weight, of an antistatic agent, an inner layer on the side of the core layer opposite the outer slip layer, and an additional film having an inner surface adhered to an outer surface of the inner layer and an opposed, outer surface including an adhesive thereon, printed indicia on the outer surface of the inner layer or on the inner surface of the additional film, one end of said outer surface of said additional film being attachable to a container surface through the adhesive thereon and an opposed end of said outer surface of said additional film overlapping and being adhesively attachable to an outer surface of the slip layer when the label is attached to a container, said antistatic agent and said migratory amide being present in amounts to provide a COF on the surface of the slip layer

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Cancel claim 29.

Please rewrite claim 30 in the following manner:

Handwritten: 30. (Amended) The biaxially oriented multilayer label of claim 28, wherein the amide is behenamide.

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31. (Amended) The biaxially oriented multilayer label of claim 28, wherein said migratory amide is presented in a percentage, by weight, of at least 0.10%, based upon the weight of the core layer.

Cancel claim 34.

Please rewrite claim 35 in the following manner:

Handwritten: 35. (Amended) The biaxially oriented multilayer of claim 28, wherein the antistatic agent includes an ethoxylated alkyamine and/or an ethoxylated alkyamide.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered the Office Action and has amended the claims to more particularly point out certain patentably novel features of the present invention.

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the renumbering of the claims as 1-50. In presenting amendments to the claims, applicant has assumed that the dependency of the claims also has been corrected. For example, applicant has assumed that originally presented claim 44 has been renumbered as claim 43, and that this claim was made dependent upon claim 42. Therefore, applicant has assumed that no amendments are required to correct the numbering or dependency of originally filed claims 39-51.